

# ★Arm The Spirit

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## Mumia Gets Stay Of Execution!

...But The Struggle To Free Him Continues

The RCMP Are The Real Terrorists

Resistance In Tahiti...

# “Gabi, We’re Burning The City...”

*The airport. Runways blockaded. Demonstrators in boxer shorts and bike helmets attack and drive back riot police. Waiting tourists suck in tear gas. The terminal smashed up. The parking lot on fire. Downtown. Fighting lasts all night. Wealthy stores looted. Government buildings, signs of French colonialism, attacked. All of this took place on the “island paradise” of Tahiti following France’s recent nuclear test in the south Pacific. Much of the resistance following the test was waged by supporters of Tahiti’s Independence Party. The following is an interview from the German daily ‘taz’ with the head of the Polynesian NGO group Hiti-Tau.*

**Interview With Gabriel Tetiarahi, coordinator of the Polynesian NGO network Hiti-Tau, concerning the recent disturbances in Tahiti.**

**Who demonstrated at the airport?**

Young people. Most of them were from the poor districts. Of course, there were also anti-nuclear activists and union members who came to Tahiti’s airport, but they had wanted a non-violent protest.

**But then buildings were set on fire and shops were looted...**

Some militant union members may have been involved, but only very few. Most of those involved, however, were the people who suffer the most from the economic and social problems on the island. Most were between 15 and 25 years of age, unemployed, and without any useful education. These people cannot be controlled.

**What did all of this have to do with the nuclear tests?**

The environmentalists, union members, and church people felt very insulted by Chirac’s decision.

**And what about Oscar Temaru’s Independence Party?**

I think that Temaru was surprised by the turn of events. Local workers, who are organized in the unions and who took part in Wednesday’s general strike, did not ask permission, they simply took the heavy machinery and blockaded the runways at the airport.

**Has Tahiti ever seen such scenes of civil war?**

Oh sure, during the workers’ struggles of 1987 in the harbor and in the city, there was even more destruction. But this time, the events were characterized by the extreme disappointment and anger of the youth.

**These people seem to link everything together: protests against the nuclear tests, the demand for independence, and the social problems as well.**

The demonstrators, who are the catalysts for the anti-nuclear protests, are just the expression of the problems which my people face. But the people’s anger at this first test is tied to the fact that for the last few months all they have been hearing are statements from the French government and from Greenpeace. The social problems and the suffering of the Polynesian people are never mentioned. This feeling of inferiority, of not even existing in other people’s minds, manifested itself in violence. For one thing, I noticed at the airport that camera teams were attacked and journalists’ cars were set on fire - for this reason, I’m sure.

**That sounds like a critique of Greenpeace.**

Sure, Greenpeace brought global attention to Mururoa - to its own activities at Mururoa.

**“Blood will flow in the streets” was what one high-ranking official from the Evangelical Church said before the revolt broke out.**

When a few Hiti-Tau activists came to me and said, “Gabi, we’re burning the city”, I felt as if I had no right to stop them. The true violence is being done by the French and their bombs. The Polynesians are merely reacting to the violence being done to them. We had already done so many non-violent protests and demonstrations, signed petitions and mailed them in, but the governments in Paris - from de Gaulle to Chirac - never once paid us any attention.

**Could these emotions lead to Tahiti’s independence?**

No. This outbreak of violence was only partly connected to the movement for independence. The independence movement, like the anti-nuclear movement, are making use of the present time because they feel like they have the support of international public opinion. But these emotions will eventually subside. We need to try to find a place for these youths within our society, that’s what we should be fighting for. But, there could be a repeat of these protests, if the sense of frustration persists.

*(Interview by Nicola Liebert)*

## A Message From Assata Shakur

The first time I heard a tape of one of Mumia's radio broadcasts, it was the first time I fully understood why the United States government was so intent on putting him to death. Mumia, the only African political prisoner on death row, didn't use any inflammatory rhetoric, what he said was so clear, so true, that I had to stop everything I was doing and concentrate on his message.

Mumia Abu-Jamal, journalist, husband, father, grandfather and African American is not only articulate, he is brilliant. He has the ability to say what needs to be said, in the clearest, most vivid way. His language, his strength and his intelligence reminds me of one man, El Hajj Malik Shabazz, otherwise known as Malcolm X.

Mumia Abu-Jamal is a man who has truly carried on Malcolm's tradition, and the tradition of so many of our freedom fighters who have risked their lives for the freedom of their people. This year as I celebrated Malcolm's birthday, I couldn't stop thinking about Mumia. I couldn't stop thinking about the man who has spent 13 years on death row, and remains strong, committed and beautiful. Mumia, political activist, revolutionary and humanist has followed faithfully in Malcolm's foot steps. We can feel Malcolm's energy working through Mumia, we can feel Mumia's energy carrying on Malcolm's legacy. If Malcolm X were alive today, I know he would be fighting to save Mumia's life. If

Malcolm was alive today, I know he would be fighting to free all political prisoners. In the name of Malcolm X, I make a special appeal to you, Sisters and Brothers, to fight tooth and nail to save Mumia's life and to free him from the grips of his oppressors.

As you honor our forefathers and foremothers I urge you all to honor our living heroes. When you honor the names of Nat Turner, Harriet Tubman and Malcolm X, I urge you to honor the names of Geronimo Pratt, Sundiata Acoli, Mutulu Shakur and Mumia Abu-Jamal. I urge you not to forget, and not to betray our living heroes. If we ignore their struggle, we are ignoring our own. If we betray our living history, then we are betraying ourselves. We could not save Malcolm X, but we can save Mumia. We can save him and we must save him, because we love our Brother, and we need our Brother to help us fight for our freedom.

**Free Mumia Abu-Jamal!**  
**Free all political prisoners!**  
**Let us carry on our tradition to freedom!**

Assata Shakur  
Ex-Political Prisoner in exile in Havana, Cuba

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# International Political Prisoners Unite For Mumia Abu-Jamal

Trani, August 4, 1995

Dear Mumia,

We are all comrades from the Red Brigades guerrilla experience imprisoned in Trani-jail, Italy, and we want to send you our strongest fraternal embrace. With love and strength our heart beats for you, as we wrote in our collective statement one month ago.

Many people are close to you in our country and all over Western Europe in solidarity with your struggle for life, justice and freedom.

Dear comrade, things to tell you are so many because we are on the same side in our revolutionary fight, but today we only want you to know that you are not alone in these days even in your far away death row.

For you a poem from F. Hölderlin: (sorry, for the bad translation)

## Höhere Menschheit

Den Menschen ist der Sinn ins Innere gegeben,  
Dass sie als anerkannt da Bessere wählen,  
Es gilt als Ziel, es ist das wahre Leben,  
Von dem sich geistiger des Lebens Jahre zaehlan.

Scardanelli.

Higher Humanity

To men has given inmost mind,  
in recognizing and choosing their best,  
it is their purpose, the real life,  
from that beginning they keep  
counting the years of their life, by heart.

Scardanelli.

(signed) Dear comrade, a fraternal embrace from all of us,

*Giovanni  
Veneremos, Lorenzo  
Ciao Mumia, ti abbraccio con amore e forza, Luciano  
Virgili Aleramo  
Vittorio Bolognese*

(Giovanni Senzani, Luciano Farina, Lorenzo Calzone, Vittorio Bolognese, Aleramo Virgili, from Trani-jail)

## Statement From The Red Army Fraction Political Prisoners

Greetings to all of you demonstrating today in Berlin - we hope that many have come! Don't give up the fight for Mumia's life, we can only succeed with the common effort and force of all of us. Forget the weakness, the isolation, the thousand problems, Mumia needs us NOW!

We join the call of our imprisoned Italian comrades, and want to address here all prisoners, political and social prisoners, here in Germany and in all imperialist prisoners over the world:

On August 1, 1995 we will go in hungerstrike for three days - join us and continue for another three days during the coming weeks of August. Let us fight together for Mumia's life!

Mumia's life is our life!

Hanna Krabbe, Heidi Schultz, Sieglinde Hofmann, Helmut Pohl, Rolf-Clemens Wagner, Eva Haule, Rolf Heissler, Christian Klar, Brigitte Mohnhaupt

## Solidarity Statement From Basque And Spanish Political Prisoners

By means of a newspaper, related to the Basque National Liberation Movement, we knew about your situation and what the USA Government, always 'democratic' and 'defender of the human rights', pretends to do with you, due to our coherence, firmness and fighting spirit.

We are seven political prisoners, of ETA, EPGC and GRAPO, that write to you from this prison of Brieva in Avila. Through this letter we would like to send you our solidarity, support, courage and love.

From the knowledge of what it means to suffer imprisonment and torture for fighting for a fair cause, we know that it reinforces our strength and firmness in the struggle for the liberation of all the oppressed nations in the world. It reaffirms us in the conviction of attaining our political goals for a more just world.

We are with you, and we embrace you with solidarity.

**Gloria Vasquez Estevez**  
GRAPO political prisoner  
**Olga Oliveria Alonso**  
GRAPO political prisoner  
**Alexandra de Querios Vaz Pinheiro**  
EGPGC political prisoner  
**Belen Ozkorta Belaustegi**  
ETA political prisoner  
**Usune Gallastegi Sasieta**  
ETA political prisoner  
**Angeles Peres del Rio**  
ETA political prisoner  
**Karmele Urbistondo Aranburu**  
ETA political prisoner

## Statement From The Republican Socialist Prisoners Of War In Long Kesh

On August 6, 1995, the Republican Socialist Prisoners of War in Long Kesh issued the following statement:

To Governor Tom Ridge, Sir,

We, the Republican Socialist Prisoners in Long Kesh Prison all on you to stop the planned State murder of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

We demand that this killing be stopped to allow Mumia the opportunity to return to court where he may have a defence team of his own choice, and where true justice may at last be seen to prevail.

As a nation who has witnessed thousands of State murders, we understand only too well the suffering inflicted upon oppressed peoples, and we are only too well aware of State frame-ups. Stop this killing of our brother.

Yours,

Republican Socialist POWs

*The Republican Socialist Prisoners later welcomed the news that Abu-Jamal would not be executed before he was allowed to pursue all possible appeals.*



Germany And Switzerland:

## MILITANT ACTIONS FOR MUMIA

On July 3, autonomist and women's/lesbian groups sprayed slogans, smashed windows, glued locks, and damaged ATM machines at 7 branches of the American bank Citibank. Ten days later, the "Commando Assata Shakur" attacked a Chrysler dealer in Kassel. These are just two actions out of many which have taken place in Germany over the past few months (demos, petitions, benefit concerts) as part of the global campaign to free Mumia. In other European countries, actions have ranged from the bombing of U.S. banks in Athens, Greece to the Since other groups are doing a good job of filling in Mumia supporters about the wide variety of solidarity work being done around the world, we'll continue to provide information and translations from the segments of the movement which we usually cover. So, having said that, here are a few more communiques from comrades in Germany.

Frankfurt - 3.8.1995

Stop The Execution Of Mumia Abu-Jamal!

Several locks glued shut, paint all over the walls of the offices of the U.S. airline company Delta (Lyonerstrasse 36), this should be a clear sign to all American firms and corporations that we will not allow Black journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal to be executed!

In the event that the governor of Pennsylvania and the U.S. government decide to go through with their plans and carry out their racist death penalty, we will not hesitate to carry out further actions against American interests in Germany!!!

Free Mumia Abu-Jamal!  
Abolish The Racist Death Penalty!

M.T.V. (Mumias Tod Verhindern/Prevent Mumia's Death)

Mumia Abu-Jamal is a political prisoner and is on death row in Pennsylvania/USA. He is scheduled to be executed on August 17. Mumia, we send you our warm greetings!

A fire unites us - in our hearts, and in the McDonald's in Rostock. For Citibank in Rostock as well, today was not business as usual since their locks were glued shut and their windows were smashed.

Stop The Execution Of Mumia Abu-Jamal!!!!!!

autonomist group "Life and Freedom for Mumia Abu-Jamal"

On the night of August 9-10, we set a Chrysler car on fire at the Chrysler dealership "Autosalon am Elsterwerdaer" at Kopenickerstrasse 78 in Berlin-Biesdorf.

Black journalist and political prisoner Mumia Abu-Jamal, who has been on death row in the American state of Pennsylvania for more than 13 years now, is scheduled to be executed on August 17. The death warrant was signed on June 1. The justification for this was a series of fabrications which the media accepted as proof. At the beginning of this week, it was announced that the execution was to be delayed. But this partial victory is no reason for the movement to stop and just sit back and watch the legal arguments develop. Rather we should gather together all of our strength and push forward to achieve our ultimate political goal: Mumia's freedom.

For a racist judicial system, allowing and threatening the death penalty is a means of literally destroying all forms of opposition to the system; it is state-sponsored murder as a means of counter-insurgency. In several countries, campaigns to free Mumia have taken on many forms: Militant actions are and will always be a legitimate means of overstepping the "legal" boundaries of protest which limit us to appeals and collecting petition signatures. At decisive moments during current campaigns, we think it's important to carry out militant actions to make it perfectly clear to people just how life-threatening the situation is. Only in this way can we bring the politics into the public consciousness and effect the necessary pressure.

Our action against an American corporation should not be viewed as simple "anti-Americanism", which equates the USA as the "center of evil" controlling all political, military, and economic power and thereby overlooks the other imperialist power blocs (the European Union, the Japan-dominated Pacific Rim).

Our action is designed to make known the militant praxis in Germany against the still threatened execution of Mumia Abu-Jamal and to intervene in the continuing campaign for Mumia's life and freedom.

Warm greetings to the "Autonomist Parcel Service" and the autonomist and women's/lesbian groups "For the Life of Mumia Abu-Jamal" and the "Commando Assata Shakur".

anti-imperialist group "Free Mumia Abu-Jamal"

## Action Against Amexco And IBM In Zurich

In the night of June 29/30, 1995, we smashed the windows of the firms IBM and Amexco (American Express Company) in Zurich, we also made the places stink, which fits with their praxis, and we decorated the premises with paint.

This is an act of solidarity with Mumia Abu-Jamal, an act against state murder and repression, an act against capitalist exploitation, an act in support of a revolutionary perspective in metropolitan countries like the USA and Switzerland.

Amexco and IBM are symbolic parts of international U.S. capitalism. This capitalism has made the USA a metropolitan country with crude contradictions between the arrogance of wealth and the sorrow of poverty, an imperialist country with a profound economic crisis, a settler nation with the worst forms of racial discrimination, a land of prisons and cop attacks. In short, a country with an endless lack of perspective.

Because there's not much of an oriented left-wing movement there anymore, the place is ideal for reactionary elements like the Ku-Klux-Klan, civilian militias, and cults, a wasteland of women-hating abortion opponents, private and state hate campaigns calling for law and order, and state murder called the death penalty.

On August 17, 1995, Mumia Abu-Jamal is scheduled to end up on the electric chair in Pennsylvania because he was framed for killing a cop in 1982. This will be the first execution of a political prisoner in the USA since Sacco and Vanzetti in the late 1920s.

What in reality did he do to "deserve" the death penalty? He was a spokesperson against reactionary developments, a journalist who served those people being discriminated against, and he remains an unbroken man, continuing to struggle against exploitation and oppression even while on death row, an orientation point for revolutionary identity.

In order to destroy all of this, the state doesn't care if it uses legal execution or illegal "suicides". When Peru's dictator Fujimori made the accidental confession that the historic leader of Sendero, Abimael Guzman, sentenced to life in prison, "would die in his cell within three years" (NZZ), this is the same thing that happened to Ulrike Meinhof (May 9, 1976) and other comrades from the RAF (October 18, 1977 - Andreas Baader, Gudrun Ensslin, and Jan Carl Raspe) in Stammheim and to Ingrid Schubert (November 11, 1977) in Stadelheim murder.

We are carrying out an act in solidarity with Mumia Abu-Jamal, an act against capitalist exploitation, an act in support of a revolutionary perspective in metropolitan countries like the USA and Switzerland.

**Solidarity with political prisoners against their destruction!**  
**For a revolutionary perspective!**

Communiqué From Germany

# Enough Is Enough! Freedom For Mumia Abu-Jamal! Stop The Construction Of The Youth Prison In Berlin-Lichtenrade!

On the night of 13.8.95, we carried out simultaneous attacks on the corporate headquarters of Helit & Woerner in Charlottenberg (Badenallee) as well as their depot in Neukölln (Maybachufer) by firebombing trucks belonging to the firm and leaving behind leaflets.

We see our action as part of the international solidarity movement to save the life of ex-Black Panther Mumia Abu-Jamal and to win his freedom.

The firm Helit & Woerner is responsible for the planning, construction, and financing of the new prison for youths between the ages of 14-17 which is presently being built in the Lichtenrade section of Berlin. When the prison is built, it will be turned over to the state senate who will pay back the construction costs to the firm within 10 years. The youth prison in Lichtenrade will carry out supposedly liberal custody methods.

Here, as in the USA, prisons are full of people from the lower classes. This number also includes a high proportion of "foreigners" and non-white prisoners. This situation is an expression of capitalist society. People who are no longer needed in the "labor market" are pushed out by the ruling powers according to their class, gender, skin color, or nationality. The bosses and their lackeys in the unions, political parties, and the media condemn these people as "welfare bums" who "refuse to work", sometimes even branding them as "potential criminals". Then the state can force people to work irregular hours at substandard pay. At the same time, the state balances its budget and the poor bear the brunt of all the cuts. A similar situation has been true for the past several years with all those people forced into "crime" by social conditions. Such people are made to work for next to nothing, behind bars. There are already 7 million people out of work, and as the labor market becomes more international and increasingly technological, the ruling classes are planning on increasing this number. Before, people used to complain about the so-called "Third World", but now its fashionable among German middle class careerists to speak of Germany becoming overpopulated.

Friends, let's smack these shitheads right in the face! The fact that the proletarian class go around spouting racist crap is proof of what power capitalist/racist ideology has over the hearts and minds of large segments of the population. But it also points out the weaknesses of the politics of the predominantly middle class left, and it shows just how important it is that we turn our slogan "Borders don't run between people, rather between the top and the bottom!" into reality.

So, a few words now about new "leftist" trends. It's easy and cool to be in "solidarity" with Mexican natives who are struggling far away, or to debate about triple oppression theory while losing all practical intervention in the society around us, or the latest trend, to organize as animal rights activists, because animals have no consciousness so we don't have to talk to them or argue with them, but still we have the feeling that we're redoing something noble. How pathetic!

The cry for "law and order" and the death penalty for "criminals" in the USA are slowly becoming acceptable here in Germany among the upper and middle classes (even within the Green Party). Behind this lies the knowledge that the worsening capitalist crisis can no longer get the same results from the

system's previous methods of integration. This is resulting in a great fear that increasing numbers of people from the proletarian class will themselves begin questioning capitalist conditions and stop being played off against one another and direct their hate and anger against capitalist injustice and once and for all bring an end to the egotistical lifestyles of the upper classes instead of just trying to imitate them.

There are more than 1 million (!) people in prison in the USA, and many millions more live in poor rural areas or city ghettos outside the realms of middle class life. Don't imagine that similar tendencies aren't recognizable here in Germany, as more and more prisons are being built as benefits to the unemployed and people on welfare keep getting cut. Proletarian youths, especially the "foreign" ones among us, are in an especially difficult situation. It starts with trying to find a spot in school and doesn't end with trying to find a place to live. Youths are constantly bombarded with the "values" of capitalist death-culture by their parents, teachers, bosses, and the media: competition, the "rights" of the strong, self-satisfaction through performance and consumption, and so on. In our cities, its "every man for himself", coupled with traces of social disadvantage and exclusion, which gets expressed in such things as proletarian neighbors breaking into each other's cars and homes, or outbreaks of violence, often with a sexist or racist motive. Then there are the problems of drugs and the increasing influence of right-wing nationalists, or Islamic

groups among youths from Turkey or Yugoslavia.

Against a background such as this, it's very difficult to build up true friendships and social emancipatory relationships on a broader level which can be the basis for a new international fighting class. But, friends, enough of this talking!

To fight against the contemporary tendencies of powerlessness and resignation, we should orient ourselves towards people such as Mumia Abu-Jamal, who is sitting in a cell on death row, or Gulnaz Baghistani, the Kurdish comrade who died during the hunger strike. Their thoughts and actions, their determination and perseverance in the most difficult of circumstances, can give us strength and the inspiration to continue on the path we're taking. Those people who aren't being discouraged by the fact that the cops have arrested their friends in connection with the publication *Radikal* are also exhibiting great courage, or the Passau Youth Initiative, who are determined not to lapse into resignation following the "suicides" of four of their friends, rather they continue to struggle to create an autonomist youth center. There are plenty of positive examples both here in our country as well as internationally!

**From Gaziomanpasa to Kreuzberg! From Panama City to South Central Los Angeles! For the War of Class Against Class!**

KGK (Klasse gegen Klasse/Class Against Class)

## Action Against The Execution Of Mumia Abu-Jamal

On the night of August 2, we covered a branch of the Republic National Bank of New York with paint. This bank is representative of U.S. capitalism here and stands side by side with the U.S. government, which is responsible for the murder of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

On the same night, we also sprayed and painted the German consulate. This was to draw attention to the hungerstrike by the RAF prisoners in Germany. They have gone on a limited hungerstrike from August 1-3 as an act of solidarity with Mumia Abu-Jamal. All around the world, hungerstrikes have been called to show solidarity with Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Mumia Abu-Jamal is scheduled to be executed on August 17. He is a political prisoner in the USA, on death row for supposedly killing a cop. As a former member of the Black Panthers, then a member of the MOVE organization, and a self-professed revolutionary, Mumia Abu-Jamal had been at the top of the pigs' "hit list" for a long time.

The reaction of the U.S. government to the strong political movements of the 60s and 70s was the systematic liquidation of important political leaders. At that time, trials and potential death sentences would have heated up the political climate too much, so it was much easier to just gun people down in the streets.

The fact that they are trying to carry out such an execution today is proof that the state needs

to stomp out as soon as possible the new movements and struggles which are starting to form in this present situation of crisis. To this end, they hope to finally silence Mumia Abu-Jamal, "the voice of the voiceless", once and for all. They can't afford to keep a prisoner alive who, despite being on death row, continues to agitate, a living example that the struggle can continue, even in prison.

Struggles have never let themselves be stomped out, and we see our action in connection with all the many actions that have been carried out and that will be carried out all around the world in solidarity with Mumia Abu-Jamal.

**No Peace For U.S. Capitalism - Let's Attack It Together, Even Here!  
Solidarity With The Struggle Of Political Prisoners World-Wide!  
For A Revolutionary Perspective!**

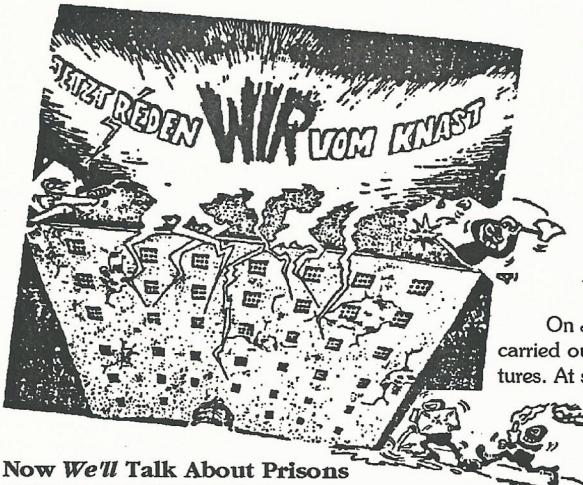
comrades in Switzerland

# Stay Radikal!

*"It was never about illegality as such, rather the promotion of free communication and the conveyance of radical political content."*

- Interview With A Radikal Group, 1989

## Statement From Radikal



Now We'll Talk About Prisons

### K.O.M.I.T.E.E. Attack Foiled In Berlin

On April 10/95, police foiled an attempted attack by four militants against a newly constructed deportation prison in the Grunau section of Berlin. A total of 120kg of explosives had been disguised as fire extinguishers and were designed to destroy the new prison before it could be opened. However, ever since the spectacular RAF commando attack which completely destroyed a new high-tech prison in Weiterstadt in March of 1993, German authorities have greatly increased their surveillance of prison construction sights.

Although police foiled the attack, all four persons were able to flee. Since then, however, one woman (Beate) has been arrested, but three men (Bernhard, Thomas, and Peter) are still on the run. All three were active in the autonomist scene in the Kreuzberg section of Berlin, according to police. During the foiled attack, police also claim to have found the communiqué for the action, signed by a group called "Das K.O.M.I.T.E.E.". This group had previously carried out an attack on an abandoned army barracks in Bad Freienwalde in East Germany in November of 1994. This action, which caused 200,000 DM in damage, was done in solidarity with the Kurdish national liberation struggle and to protest German arms sales to Turkey.

Below is the communiqué from an action against the company responsible for building the deportation prison in Berlin-Grunau. If we receive any updates about the Grunau incident, we publish them. In the meantime, however, we send greetings of solidarity to the three comrades still on the run.

**Terrorists Are Those People Who Build Deportation Prisons, Not Those That Blow Them Up!**

**Stop The German State's Racist Asylum And Deportation Policies!**

On the night of Wednesday/Thursday, June 7/8, 1995, we detonated several containers full of flammable mixtures under three vehicles belonging to the ALLROUND construction firm, because they are involved in the construction of the deportation prison in Grunau and therefore are partly responsible for the deportation of countless refugees and immigrants to regions of war, crisis, and poverty. This company earns money by constructing a place where people will be caged up for weeks, just for exercising their

On June 13, 1995, federal police in Germany carried out a major coup against left-radical structures. At six in the morning, around 50 homes and leftist projects all across Germany were stormed. The mainstream media praised the action as a "blow to terrorist groups", spewing forth the cops' line that the raids were directed against the Anti-Imperialist Cell (AIZ), the group K.O.M.I.T.E.E., and the illegal magazine 'Radikal'. The usual stigma of "terrorist group" was attached, justified with Paragraphs 129 and 129a. Standard pig procedure. It's a part of German reality to have homes being stormed, children rousted from their beds by masked cops with guns, weapons pointed at the heads of individuals whose "only" crime was their work on a left-radical newspaper. Even on the suspicion of simply distributing Radikal, people were terrorized all over the country, from Berlin to Hamburg to Cologne. This was the biggest raid on the German left in years - the Kurds, of course, have been subjected to such treatment on several occasions recently.

That night on the TV, there was little mention any more about the AIZ or the K.O.M.I.T.E.E. Hell, we haven't enjoyed so much publicity in a long time, as images were flashed of the cops' Radikal archives, followed by a report of the arrest of 4 people for "membership in a criminal organization", Radikal. Investigations are continuing against 21 other individuals on the same charge. So we felt this was reason enough for people to hear from us between issues. Sorry it took so long for this to happen, but these things take time, as anyone familiar with inter-regional structures knows.

We won't try to make the intensity of this repression or our status in the left-radical scene seem any greater than it really is. We always knew such a raid would happen at some point. But it is surprising that such a hard action against a publishing project could be carried out without so much as a peep from the "left-liberal public". It's characteristic of the continuity of the repression against leftist structures, even in times when the radical-left is weak. The BAW [federal

right to demand their fair share of the world's wealth.

For refugees, deportation doesn't just mean poverty and sorrow, but also torture, prison, and death.

On Monday, 22.5.95, a Kurdish woman named Havva Koc was deported from Berlin-Schonefeld to Istanbul, where she was immediately arrested by plainclothes police. Her present whereabouts are unknown.

As of June 12, the moratorium on the deportation of Kurds will be lifted. In Kurdistan, the Turkish military has been waging war for years, not just against armed ERNK units of the PKK, but also against the Kurdish civilian population and all those who strive for independence. According to the 1994 annual report of the Turkish Human Rights Association

prosecutor's office] had just finished in their failed attempt to criminalize Gottingen's Autonome Antifa (M) under Paragraph 129, and let's not forget the cop raids and the banning of the Kurdistan Information Bureau in Cologne because it published "pro-PKK" paper 'Kurdistan Rundbrief', so now they decided to go against other organized structures of the radical-left in Germany - on the same day as a Nazi letterbomb terror attack on an SPD politician in Lubeck. It's clear that these raids weren't just aimed at us. We were just a convenient excuse. "The action was an aimed preventive measure designed to deter the left-radical scene", said interior minister and deportation specialist Kanther that same evening. While right-wing terror grows worse and the consensus of social democrats/greens/conservatives in Great Germany is ready to send the Bundeswehr on its first foreign mission, it seems clear that the real threat is still the left. The message being sent is clear, and by lumping together the AIZ, K.O.M.I.T.E.E., and Radikal, it is that much easier to criminalize the entire left.

#### Who We Are

We produce and distribute a magazine. A magazine which, in a time of state control and self-censorship, is a forum for a discussion of street militancy and armed struggle. Of course, we aren't "neutral" in this discussion. We fundamentally reject the notion that the state has a monopoly on the legitimate use of force. The existing social conditions can only be changed if left-radical groups and associations build up their abilities and structures so as to be able to counter some of these effects even today. This, of course, includes militant and armed intervention, but these would be empty gestures if there wasn't also some sort of linkage or means of conveying their message. Of course, we are very happy when militant anti-fascist initiatives disrupt Nazi meetings. So we also see one of our functions as exposing fascist structures so as to make both old and new Nazis attackable, and we think this is one very important aspect of anti-fascist work.

Of course, it would have been awesome if the cover of our next issue had had a big picture of the new

(IHD), more than 2,000 villages have been destroyed, writers and journalists were sentenced to a total of some 500-600 years in prison, more than 100 unions, parties, associations, and organizations were banned, and more than 100 publications were confiscated or forced to close down (Ozgur Gundem, Ozgur Ulke, etc.).

Through its weapons sales to NATO partner Turkey, Germany is a party in this dirty war: first send in weapons to fight against the Kurds, earns lots of money in the process, and then send back all those who flee from this war. The German state is responsible for this cycle of death!

# “In the deep of night, it’s really gloomy...”

*The following is a letter from one of the three men sought by the German police in conjunction with the failed K.O.M.I.T.E.E. attack on a new deportation prison in Berlin in April 1995.*

I am one of the three people whom the cops are looking for in connection with the attempted action against the deportation prison in Grunau. As one of the people involved, I would like to address a few points, because I think people are very unclear as to how we should deal with all of this. Just as it looked, the cops' success was the result of pure chance as well mistakes made by us; it was not the result of police infiltration or some kind of evil counter-insurgency. The fact we are in deep shit because of this may be sad, but it's not the end of the world. Life goes on. Our present situation is the day-to-day reality of thousands of refugees in Germany, in fact we're probably better off than most of them. We have decided not to turn ourselves in, nor will we let the cops catch us. We won't change our minds about this.

Perhaps you all are expecting me to explain why my ID card or license plates or my whatever else was in the immediate vicinity of a highly-armed vehicle, but it wouldn't be wise for me at the present time to explain this, since the cops have several years to think about such things.

No statements to the cops - ever!

But it's a mystery to me why I should keep my mouth completely shut when the cops are running around arresting people or making up all sorts of false accusations and constructions. Why aren't such attacks being made public and exposed? It goes without saying that the cops and the justice system don't play by their own rules if things are kept in the dark and they don't face public scrutiny.

The defendants [in the Kaindl Trial] charged with the action in the Chinese restaurant weren't given such "mild" sentences because Judge Eschenbach understood the need for anti-fascist resistance on the part of immigrants, rather because the murder charges could not be sustained when exposed to the public view and when the racist nature of the prosecution was exposed. For example, the cops put Beate in jail even though they knew she wasn't involved. Eventually they had to let her go because their "evidence" had seemingly been made up. The whole thing was like being "kidnapped"! Of course, the main responsibility for the fact that Beate and others could have gotten stuck with the blame lies in the fact that mistakes were made during the action itself. And since there is a real danger that the cops will take this same route once again, we can't just leave them in peace. The nation-wide raids and house searches on 13.6.1995 were intended to mix together the entire radical-left and intimidate people and bring about a few trials. If there is not an offensive response to this attack by many people, they will have reached their goal. Now more than ever it is more important not to be intimidated and to sit alone and wait for the cops to make their next move, rather we need to come together and move forward to expose the cops' bullshit, to organize support for those affected persons, and to deal with the criminalized themes.

I'd like to say a few things about the politics of the AIZ, even though my comments are nothing new. The fact that this criticism comes after the massive wave of repression, which was justified with, among other

things, an alleged search for AIZ members, may seem out of line. But I think that in a situation like this it's more important to have a discussion like this than to exchange a few polite words. First of all, it's admirable to see people working so seriously and putting their asses on the line for a revolutionary perspective at a such a gloomy time. Also, I largely agree with the analyses put forward in their communiques. But when I look at the group's praxis, I get anxious. For one thing, it's wrong to view militant politics exclusively as a "part of the front in the international struggle for liberation" without any sort of local point of reference, no matter how shitty the social conditions here are for that sort of thing. In practical terms, that means abandoning the tricky stuff to the anti-imps, who can't really relate things to that many people and thus they also cannot lead more people to take up the ideas of liberation, so nothing changes in the long run. Other people realized this long ago. In a situation of heightened struggle, where the question of taking power is at hand, such concerns naturally become secondary, because the main task at hand is to cause material damage to the enemy. But we have not reached that stage yet.

Given the present situation, the purpose of our initiatives, in addition to pushing through concrete demands, should be propaganda, to show that resistance is possible. To motivate people to take action themselves.

Secondly, I think it's really shitty to be so nonchalant when dealing with other people's lives like the AIZ are. Perhaps your actions weren't so carelessly done as the media have stated. But your call for "potentially deadly actions" seems to convey a real lack of responsibility. Either you decide to do something or you don't, but either way you need good justifications. Whether you like it or not, you must see to it that nothing unintended happens. You can't just stick a bomb on someone's front porch and they say, we don't care if they get killed, we just want to scare them. In general, I recommend that you all put your project on hold for the time being and think things through some more. Learn what your goals are!

The cops have put four comrades in jail and are now searching for others just because they allegedly helped publish Radikal. In the 12 years since it was outlawed, Radikal has brought people uncensored information, opinions, and practical tips. Despite lots of harassment against printing shops and infoshops, the cops have never been able to disrupt its production and distribution. This is the first periodical in the history of the Federal Republic of Germany which has been consistently published nation-wide with progressive content that is free from state censorship. Of course, it has never managed to get beyond its "autonomist" readers circle, but in addition to its practical use for many radical-leftists it is also living proof that it is possible to organize functioning structures outside of state control. We can't just let them do this to us. Let's prevent them from locking these four people up! Under the theme of freedom of expression it must be possible to create a broad base of support, because the reasoning behind the house

## Terrorists Are The Ones Who Build Deportation Prisons, Not The People Who Blow Them Up!

Stop the German state's racist asylum and deportation policies!

On the night of Thursday/Friday, July 20/21, we tossed several containers full of flammable mixtures into the depot of the firm Kuthe Arnold Bauges mbH & Co. in Eisnerstrasse and we hope that lots of their equipment went up in flames.

The firm Kuthe, just like the Allround corporation whom we visited last month, is involved in the construction of the new deportation prison in Berlin-Grunau and is therefore partially responsible for the imprisonment of thousands of refugees and their eventual deportation back to war, torture, prison, poverty, and death.

The deportation prison in Grunau will, when it's completed, have 400 beds. The only "crime" of the people to be detained there for weeks and months on end is the fact that they fled to Germany to seek refuge from hunger, war, torture, distress, rape, persecution, and so on. These facts are all well known by now. But still, KUTHE and ALLROUND have no scruples about being part of this murderous project. We hope that the material damage we have caused them will eat into the bloody profits they are making by helping to construct the prison in Grunau.

KUTHE and ALLROUND have several other depots in Berlin, just waiting for flaming visits. For information purposes only, here are their addresses:

KUTHE: Brunsbuttel Damm 120 and Egelpfuhl 44 in Spandau, as well as the depot in the Eisnerstrasse.

ALLROUND: Grenzallee 44 in Neukölln and Niebuhrstrasse 72 in Charlottenburg.

Ideally, we'd love to see the deportation prison itself blown to bits, but sadly that plan was foiled. Once again, we extend our solidarity to the K.O.M.I.T.E.E.!!

**Open borders for all!!!  
Solidarity with the Kurdish liberation struggle!!!**

**Many greetings and good luck to Berhard, Thomas, and Peter!!!**

**For the immediate release of Werner, Ralf, Rainer, Andreas, Ulf, and, of course, Mumia Abu-Jamal!!!**

**Read and be 'Radikal'!!!**

Goodbye, see you soon...

Das K:O:L:L:E:K:T:I:V: - Berlin, July 1995

searches and arrests is not at all solid. The justice system has messed up in the past when it tried to shut down Radikal. If we are able to make their charges fall apart, that won't just mean protection for the individuals concerned, but we would also have won ourselves a bit of freedom: the possibility to continue an open discussion of leftist strategies. To the producers of the paper: don't stop publishing Radikal! "That which is true will continue to be said, to be written, and to be published!"

Warm greetings from somewhere.

# Black Nationalist Organizations Hold Historic Summit In Atlanta

In a meeting of Black organizations which received far less attention than similar meetings of groups such as Rev. Ben Chavis' National African American Leadership Summit or national meetings of the NAACP, representatives of nine Black nationalist organizations met in Atlanta, Georgia over the weekend of August 18 and 19, 1995 for a summit meeting of a coalition which they named the New Afrikan Liberation Front.

Comprised of defense committees of several well-known political prisoners from the Black Panther Party, labor organizations, women's rights groups, community activist organizations and internationally focussed human rights groups, the New Afrikan Liberation Front effort was initiated almost two years ago say organizers, with the first meeting being held in Atlanta and subsequent meetings being held in Kansas City, New York, and Oakland leading up to the founding summit. The call to found a Liberation Front was first made by several well known political prisoners who are former leaders of the Black Panther Party, Republic of New Afrika and other groups, such as, Geronimo Pratt, Jalil Muntaquin, Sekou Odinga and Dr. Mutulu Shakur.

Representatives say that the purpose of the New Afrikan Liberation Front is to organize the many Black nationalist organizations in the United States in order to create an effective alternative to both Black liberal and Black conservative political leadership. Orgaizers say that the basic agenda of the Front can be summed

up in the Front's call for Black Power, Land and Independence! They say that the political objectives of all of the Organizations of the Front is directed toward gaining self determination for the descendants of enslaved Africans in America who they call New Afrikans, and international recognition of the New Afrikan nations right to sovereignty and political independence.

The immediate plans of the New Afrikan Liberation Front are to initiate a pressure campaign to influence the Congressional Black Caucus to begin a Congressional investigation into the dirty tricks campaign which the FBI waged against the Black Power Movement in the 1960s and 1970s. Front organizers say that as a result of that campaign codenamed COINTELPRO for Counter Intelligence Program, many young political activist were killed by FBI and local police agencies and many remain in prison and political prisoners. It is these political prisoners which the Front is interested in gaining recognition for and amnesty. Spokespersons say that with recent focus on the case of the FBI murder of the family of white supremacists [referring to Randy Weaver, a neo-nazi with ties to the Aryan Nations - ed.], that Black public officials would be remiss in remaining silent about similar and more numerous government attacks on New Afrikan freedom fighters.

The New Afrikan Liberation Front will also be involved in an ongoing campaign to internationalize the political situation and violations against the hu-

man rights of New Afrikans. Representatives of the New Afrikan Liberation Front have taken charges of human rights violations to international conferences in Africa, Europe and most recently to the International Women's Conference in Beijing China sponsored by the United Nations. Representatives of the New Afrikan Liberation Front say that they are highly optimistic about the eventual positive outcome of their political agenda. They point out that many people felt that eastern Europe would remain under the domination of the Soviet Union, but today, within a period of a few short years, few people even think about the Soviet Union. That tells us that even though the United States has dominated the lives of Africans, Mexicans, Hawaiians, Puerto Ricans and Indians for centuries, it doesn't have to always be this way. They say, if we work and take care of the day-to-day needs of New Afrikans, and fight for a Revolutionary Nationalist political agenda, we can win real freedom for the New Afrikan Nation.

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## Support Irish Republican POW's

### Background: A Letter From Jalil Muntaquin

#### Revolutionary Greetings:

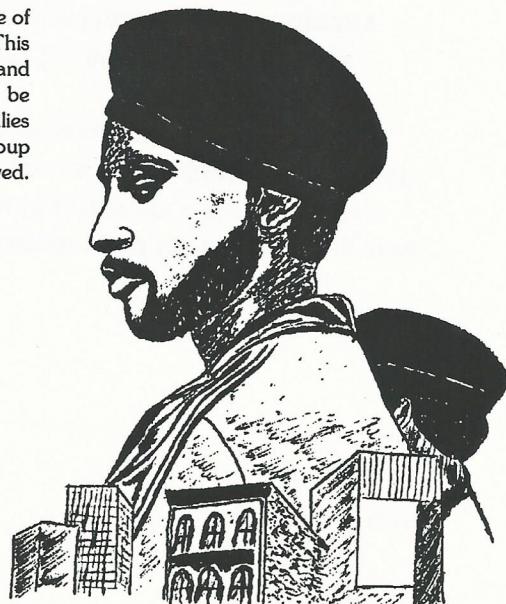
It has been 23 years of imprisonment since my capture on August 28, 1971, for allegedly attempting to retaliate for the assassination of Comrade George Jackson on August 21, 1971. Subsequent to my capture, myself and co-defendants Albert Nuh Washington and Herman Bell were extradited to New York City and charged with the killing of two New York police officers. Today, we are known as the New York Three. We are three of the longest held political prisoners in the United States.

Our struggle has been one of trying to prove we were not afforded a fair trial. In June of 1993, the New York Three had an evidentiary hearing in federal court on a habeas corpus petition. the petition and hearing proved that the prosecutor withheld exculpatory material, and the key prosecution witness, the police ballistic officer, committed perjury. Yet, the court ruled that the actions by the prosecution and the police with perjured testimony were harmless error.

Since the IRA declared a complete ceasefire on 31st August last year, there's been anything but peace in Northern Ireland. While the atmosphere has definitely changed a lot, the British Army and the RUC still occupy 'nationalist' areas, still harass, beat up, and intimidate 'Republicans' and try to recruit people as informers. At the same time, despite attempts by Republicans to put the issue of political prisoners at the centre of the 'Peace Process' agenda, over 500 Republican prisoners remain in jails around the world, mostly in the North of Ireland and the UK.

The organisation Saoirse (meaning 'Freedom' in gaelic) has been formed by friends and relatives of Republican prisoners, to campaign for the release of all those held in jail as a result of the war in Ireland. This is their long-term aim, but as an immediate demand they are calling for Irish political prisoners to be transferred back to Ireland, to be nearer their families and communities. A London-based Saoirse group was set up in March. Get in touch, get involved. Affiliations are 10 British pounds a year.

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*Nazis Flee In Panic*

# Antifas And Residents In The Danish City Of Roskilde Successfully Protested The Nazi Scene's "Rudolph Hess Memorial March"

By Niels Rohleder

Masked, black-clad Danes won the street battle on Saturday in the Danish city of Roskilde near Copenhagen. But it was actually the normal residents of Roskilde who finally drove off the 140 neo-Nazis from Germany, Great Britain, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark.

Until recently, the American neo-Nazi Gary Lauck had been in prison in Roskilde, awaiting a decision concerning his extradition to Germany. When it became known last weekend that the Danish National-Socialist Movement (DNSB) were planning a "Rudolph Hess Memorial March" in Roskilde, the local council and media were very upset. It's not easy to ban a demonstration in Denmark, so the city's social democratic mayor Henrik Christiansen called on residents to stay in their homes and to avoid a confrontation with the neo-Nazis. Copenhagen's antifa scene quickly split into two sides: some wanted a "confrontation with the fascists on the streets", while others wanted to cooperate with the police and demonstrate away from the neo-Nazis.

The police tactic on Saturday evening was to prevent confrontations and to protect the small group of neo-Nazis from the more numerous counter-demonstrators. They were only partially successful.

By 11:30 AM, masked youths - mostly Danes, but also some Swedes and Germans as well - carried a banner reading "No Fucking Fascists!" and blockaded the entrance to the museum parking lot where the Nazi demonstration was supposed to start from. The police arrested the counter-demonstrators, and by 1:15 PM the blockade had been cleared. Shortly before 2:00 PM, a Danish coach and a motorcade of primarily German vehicles drove by the museum.

In the parking lot, which was now no longer blockaded, Nazi demonstrators formed ranks "be-

hind the Danish flags", as one slogan read. The 140 mostly young men formed straight lines. At the front was the Danish national flag, one with letters DNSB and a swastika, as was used by the DNSAP Nazi party in Denmark in the 1930s and 40s: a white swastika on a red background.

As Roskilde residents stood nearby and shouted insults, the "Rudolph Hess Memorial March" slowly got underway, led by two "Fuehrer", DNSB leader Jonni Hansen and the head of the banned Free German Workers Party (FAP), Friedhelm Busse. Other known foreign neo-Nazis were also present, such as Christian Worch from Hamburg and Charlie Sargent from Great Britain.

But the flag-waving, drum-banging Nazis did not reach their goal. At one street crossing, a few hundred meters from the prison, masked counter-demonstrators pelted them with rocks and fireworks. The Nazis threw a few stones back, and then the police dispersed the anti-fascists. But the Nazi demo was forced to come to an end. Despite looks of scorn from his followers, Jonni Hansen ordered the march to retreat.

Back at the museum parking lot, local residents surrounded the hundred or so Nazis, who responded by throwing bottles at them - a mistake. "Into the harbour with them!" shouted some of the residents, and the Nazis fled in panic towards Roskilde's fjord. Only under heavy police protection could they make it back to their bus. At 3:30 PM, the bus, now with several smashed windows, pulled out of town.

During the day, 61 people were arrested, 57 antifas and 4 Nazis. The latter weren't arrested because of their demonstration, but rather because they were driving a stolen car.

*(Translated from taz, 21.08.1995)*

*many, can be printed in Denmark. Also, whereas German police can and often do ban marches and demonstrations, this is very difficult to do in Denmark. So the Nazis had a perfect opportunity to show their strength. And they did - or rather they showed their seeming lack of strength: a mere 140 participants, from all over Europe! This is a quite a change from the days when a thousand or more would gather to "honour" shit-for-brains Hess. Certainly, militant anti-fascist organizing has played a big role in this decline. In Roskilde, police had vowed to protect the Nazis and local social-democrats called for people to ignore the fascist parade (sound familiar? "just ignore the Klan rally..."). But that didn't stop autonomists and even angry local residents from going at it and beating the fascists off the streets.*

**Way To Go Denmark Antifa!  
Attack The Fascists Wherever They Are!**

## Interior Ministry Informs Court Of Deescalation Strategy State Prosecutor's 129 Case Falls Apart

Despite 115 files of information provided by the State Prosecutor (GSA) in Celle, the State Supreme Court (OLG) in Celle decided not to open a trial against Autonome Antifa (M). After a request by the OLG to the State Interior Ministry for more information on the "so-called deescalation strategy", this information has since been made available.

The Interior Ministry concludes that the deescalation strategy is due to the politics of the Autonome Antifa (M). My publishing its demonstration concepts, the Autonome Antifa (M) has started a new form of political discourse. There have never been any negotiations between Autonome Antifa (M) and the police; nonetheless, the published calls for demonstrations are taken to be a form of quasi-announcement to the police. As for the legality of the police conduct, representatives of the State Prosecutor were present during all discussions of police intervention. The police were required by the Federal Supreme Court to stay back during demonstrations. It was not a matter of Gottingen having become a lawless area.

The GSA has tried to prosecute the Autonome Antifa (M) as a "criminal organization" on the basis of violations of laws regulating demonstrations and the alleged coercion of police. According to the Interior Ministry, the charges being pursued against 17 people for "membership in a criminal organization" (Paragraph 129), namely the Autonome Antifa (M), are absurd.

The extremely legalistic arguments being presented by the GSA and the massive wave of investigation undertaken by the State Criminal Office (LKA) have been an attempt to destroy the politics of Autonome Antifa (M) by any means possible. It seems increasingly unlikely that the isolated GSA will be able to do this via political or judicial means.

## Autonome Antifa (M) - June 11, 1995

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# Kurdish Anti-Fascist News From Germany

## ERNK Sympathizer Murdered By Turkish Fascists In Neumunster

The following is a statement from the ERNK European Representation in Hamburg concerning the murder of Sedat Kalan by Turkish fascists in Neumunster.

Cologne - September 4, 1995

The series of attacks by Turkish fascists, which can be linked to the government in Ankara, have escalated. On the night of September 3, 1995, four Kurds in the vicinity of an establishment frequented by Kurds were attacked by armed Turkish fascists. An ERNK sympathizer named Sedat Kalan from Bingol was so badly injured in the attack that he died. Ahmet Senol and Mahmut Sozen, two other Kurds, were seriously wounded. Police reports which claim that the incident followed an attack by Kurds on a group of Turks are simply not true. When you observe the outcome of this confrontation, all of the murdered and wounded persons were Kurds. This makes it clear that the German authorities are consciously distorting the reality behind these provocations by Turkish fascists. These types of attacks by fascist gangs of "Grey Wolves" (Bozkurt) are centrally planned and orchestrated.

It's no coincidence that this attack took place at a time when the chair of the PKK, Abdullah Ocalan, recently make public a call for a political dialogue with the German government. Recent events in Kurdistan also played a role in this, because PKK victories are continuing to put the Turkish army in a bind. In the past few days there were firebomb attacks in Ulm, Bielefeld, and Mülheim on Turkish and Kurdish businesses which must be attributed to these fascist gangs.

## 7,000 Protest Murder Of Seyfettin Kalan In Neumunster

On September 9, 7,000 people protested in Neumunster against the murder of Kurdish activist Seyfettin Kalan by Turkish fascists six days earlier. Seyfettin was killed on September 3 by members of the "Grey Wolves"; two other Kurds were wounded.

The very fact that funeral processions are the only allowable form of political expression for the Kurdish exile community shows the reality of the situation which Kurds in Germany have faced since Kanther's bans went into effect. The murder of Seyfettin Kalan is the climax of an increasing wave of provocations and attacks on Kurdish establishments by Turkish fascists, the "Grey Wolves" (MHP), or by other pro-government forces, sometimes with the direct support of the Turkish consulate. The persecution of Kurdish associations by the German authorities only gives heart to these forces to increase their provocations and attacks. For example, Turkish fascists had already attacked Kurds in Neumunster on the Saturday before this murder. And a few days before, police had to protect a Kurdish establishment in Rendsburg from an attack by Grey Wolves.

Even after the murder in Neumunster, the German authorities refused to pursue those responsible, namely the structures of the Grey Wolves in Germany, rather they continued to persecute the Kurds. The CDU in Schleswig-Holstein [the state where

The attack in Neumunster was the latest in this series. The aim of these incidents is to escalate the present situation.

Both the Turkish Embassy in Bonn as well as Turkish consulates work together with the Turkish Secret Service (MIT) to establish fascist Turkish front organizations in the form of mosques, associations, and sporting clubs, places where youths are trained and armed. While Kurdish flags are banned and Kurdish associations and organizations are closed down, the MHP (National Movement Party) has been able to use Germany as "free territory".

The German authorities, who have made the PKK and Kurds who support it targets for their attack, close their eyes in the face of Turkish fascist organizing. This only gives them encouragement. On many occasions, the Turkish General Staff has stated that he will also wage war on "separatist Kurds" in Europe.

The German government, the political parties, and democratic circles must keep their eyes on these fascist forces, which base themselves on Hitler's racist fascism. And they should stop having prejudices against the Kurds. Let us work together and decisively against the organizing being carried out by Turkish fascists.

In this spirit, we call on Kurds living in Europe to not let themselves be provoked by this attack and to defend their democratic rights within the boundaries of the law.

**National Liberation Front of Kurdistan (ERNK)  
European Representation  
September 4, 1995**

## The Turkish Embassy And The Grey Wolves

(...) Fellemez Basboga, a member of the Kurdistan Parliament in Exile, discussed in his speech [during the funeral procession] the role of Turkish diplomatic missions in Germany in the organizing efforts of the MHP. The newly appointed ambassador in Bonn, Volkan Vural, was a long-time member of the Turkish National Security Council (MGK), a military/secret police organization which has de facto over the parliament.

His stationing in Germany "coincides with the decisions of the council to expand the activities of death squads and the secret police in combatting the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) abroad". In addition to this, the MHP, besides having members in the death squads and the "special forces" of the Turkish army, also operates several front organizations. It recruits its members via Turkish sports clubs and mosques.

It is important to understand, said Basboga, that "banning or increasing the controls over such organizations" would do much more for the cause of domestic security in Germany than "the sweeping criminalization of Kurdish politics".

Anyone who doubts the willingness of the Kurdish people to seek a political solution should turn their attention to the Parliament in Exile, which is prepared for negotiations at any time.

A Turkish spokesperson for the demonstration, Ibrahim K., told the DEM News Agency about the activities of the National Movement Party (MHP) in Germany during the 1970s and 80s.

Alparslan Turkes, the leader of the far-right party, not only maintained close contacts with the German right-wing extremist German Nationalist Party (NPD), rather he was also "best friend" of then-leader of the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU), Franz-Joseph Strauss. Close ties with the CSU were maintained through Turkish industrialist Murat Bayrak. Not only have several MHP members and members of associated groups been apprehended at Düsseldorf Airport with large quantities of drugs, but even Ali Agca, the MHP member who tried to assassinate the Pope, was transported to Italy via Germany.

Violent actions by the so-called Grey Wolves have generally been aimed at Turkish and Kurdish opposition groups. There have been several attacks, including one murder, against foreign trade unionists in Germany.

(DEM News Agency, September 9, 1995)

Neumunster is] and CDU member of parliament Olderog criticized the "restraint" which police seem to show by not preventing banned symbols from being displayed (meaning Kurdish ERNK flags). Even the head of the police union, Lutz, complained to SPD state interior minister Wienholtz that he knew the funeral procession was being "directed" by the banned PKK and he advised Wienholtz to do something about this.

We can only conclude from this that the German authorities, in confrontations between Turkish fascists and Kurds, don't persecute the fascist murderers but rather the Kurdish victims!

*(Translated from Kurdistan Rundbrief 19/95)*

**Seyfettin Kalan Is Immortal!**

On Sunday, September 3, 1995, Kurdish activist Seyfettin Kalan was murdered in Neumunster. This attack marks a new high point in the terror against Kurds in Germany at the hands of the fascist Turkish "Grey Wolves". In the past few days, there have been repeated confrontations in several German cities. On Saturday in Neumunster, Kurds were chased through the streets and beaten. In Ulm, Bielefeld, and Mülheim,

# “The Beginning Of The Formation Of People’s Power”

## Statement From The Headquarters Of The ARGK On The Occasion Of The 11th Anniversary Of The Armed Liberation Struggle In Kurdistan

On August 15, we will enter the 12th year of fighting in our national liberation struggle against Turkish colonial fascism, which is seeking to eradicate our people from history. We greet our people and all humanity on this 11th anniversary of our national liberation struggle, which is one of the most legitimate and humane struggles in history, directed against one of the most barbaric regimes in the entire world.

Our national liberation struggle, which began on August 15, 1984 with a few propaganda groups, reached the stage of ‘Serhildan’ (popular uprising) by the early 1990s following a long phase of guerrilla warfare. Today, our experienced and powerful guerrilla army has reached the stage when liberated zones will be established.

The past year was very significant, both in terms of the fiascos which the enemy suffered, as well as the aspects of our own development. The year 1994 was a year of intensive and heavy war. The colonial fascist Turkish Republic was forced to rely on major assistance from its allies, particularly Germany and the United States.

Our guerrilla forces waged heroic resistance against the massive counter-revolutionary attacks and not only were able to keep the national reality of Kurdistan alive in the face of these brutal assaults, but they also transformed last year into a year of some of the most significant developments our national liberation struggle has seen so far.

Last year, the PKK, which leads our struggle and our people’s liberation army, carried out its 5th Party Congress. The realization of such a meeting with a long period of preparation shows the high level which our national liberation struggle has reached, destroying all of the plans which the enemy had made.

Another significant development last year was the fact that there wasn’t only heavy fighting between our guerrilla forces and the fascist Turkish army in northwest Kurdistan, but in south Kurdistan as well. The military operation which was launched by the Turkish army during Newroz has created a situation of war in south Kurdistan which continues to exist in different forms. This Turkish attack has helped to unify north and south Kurdistan, and steps are now being taken by our forces to create joint military strategy and tactics in all regions of Kurdistan.

The resistance by our forces against the Turkish attacks in south Kurdistan turned their operation into a failure and the Turkish army became bogged down in south Kurdistan. In this way, the revolution in north Kurdistan is being transported to the south and is influencing the population there. The people of south Kurdistan are on the side of our revolution and they support it. South Kurdistan has become an important strategic region for us and it is controlled by our guerrilla forces. Thus, a new revolutionary phase has begun in south Kurdistan. This phase in south Kurdistan, just like in north Kurdistan, is the beginning of the formation of people’s power.

That is the reality in Kurdistan today. The imperialists and colonialists, who have realized that this reality does not fit with their interests, have gathered together collaborationist forces with the aim of halting revolutionary developments. But these dangerous counter-revolutionary measures will be defeated by

us. We have not been blind to these plans, and our revolutionary positions, which we have struggled for, will destroy these plots and we will teach the necessary lessons to all those who planned them.

In conjunction with the 5th Congress of the PKK, the stage which was developed in northwest Kurdistan in the spring and summer of this year is on the path to victory for our progressive struggle.

We have inflicted serious blows on the fascist Turkish army in the region between the Zagros mountains and Dersim, and between the Taurus mountains and Serhat. As our guerrilla struggle in northern and central areas becomes further anchored, we are rapidly approaching victory in Botan and the Zagros region.

Now is the time when we will seek to establish liberated zones and people’s power based on the line of victory. The balance of the last year of fighting is proof of this.

### Kurdistan War Balance: August 15, 1994 - August 15, 1995

During the past year in Kurdistan, there were 3,281 armed encounters in the form of attacks, ambushes, assaults, executions, mine actions, and battles between Turkish army troops and our guerrilla forces. We know of Turkish casualties for about two-thirds of these encounters, but the results of the other one-third are unknown to us.

Of the casualty figures known to us, a total of 6,493 Turkish soldiers were killed, including 209 officers, 19 lower-ranking officers, 74 special team commandos, and 6,191 normal soldiers. In addition to these, 1,099 village guards, including 9 village guard chiefs, and 285 agents and contra-guerrillas were killed. Therefore, a total of 7,877 enemy forces were killed, and an unknown number were wounded.

During the same time period, we took 365 enemy forces prisoner, including 1 lieutenant, 1 lower-ranking officer, 11 soldiers, 5 sentries, 303 village guards, and 44 agents and contra-guerrillas.

We also confiscated the following military equipment from the Turkish army during the past year: 10 heavy machine guns; 101 medium machine guns; 18 sniper rifles; 594 infantry weapons; 122,868 rounds of ammunition; 14 mortars; 54 flame throwers; 27 rocket launchers; 195 rockets; 6 grenade launchers; 256 hand grenades; 56 radios; 12 flare guns; 34 night vision glasses; 97 binoculars; 1,194 mines; and 2 mine detectors.

During the past year, we completely destroyed the following: 2 airplanes; 6 helicopters; 10 tanks; 72 panzers; 204 army vehicles; 1 MIT vehicle; 146 village guard vehicles; 69 state vehicles; 59 pieces of construction equipment; 1 radar facility; and 2 radar stations. We also damaged 2 helicopters, 1 train, and 28 state buildings. Our forces also carried out 11 acts of sabotage (bombings) against the Kerkuk-Yumurtalek oil pipeline.

Since August 15, 1994, we have completely destroyed 4 enemy military installations and forced

the enemy to abandon and flee from another 8.

Since Newroz 1995, a total of 73 villages have been forcibly evacuated by the Turkish army, 43 of these in south Kurdistan and the other 30 in north Kurdistan, and 73 rural villagers have been killed by Turkish troops, 47 in south Kurdistan and 26 in north Kurdistan.

In the year that has passed since August 15, 1994, 1,286 of our fighters have fallen as martyrs in confrontations with Turkish forces. Another 399 have been wounded. In addition to these martyrs, 6 popular militia members have fallen and 14 of our fighters were wounded and taken prisoner by the Turkish army.

During the past year, we have consistently proven that our army, which has developed through 11 years of struggle, is an unbeatable force which can secure the survival and defence of our people.

We now find ourselves at the starting point of creating our lasting victory. May the history of the struggle of our people stride forward with many new August 15 advances!

### People’s Liberation Army of Kurdistan (ARGK) August 8, 1995

*(Translated from Kurdistan Rundbrief 18/95)*

# The Kurdish People Will Have Victory With Dignity And Pride

On July 25, 1995 Kani Yilmaz, European representative of the ERNK appeared in court for the fourth and final extradition hearing at Belmarsh Magistrates Court. Kani has been confined to Belmarsh Prison in South East London as a 'Category A' prisoner since January, following his October 26, 1994, arrest outside Westminster tube station by Special Branch. Initially on his way to address MPs and peers on a political solution to the Kurdish question, and having previously entered Britain numerous times unhindered, Kani soon found himself facing deportation on supposed 'national security' grounds. On November 10 an extradition request was made by the German government for offences connected with Kani's membership of the PKK and related activities. Having committed no crime, Kani, like many Kurds before him, has faced torture and persecution at the hands of the Turkish state for simply advocating civil and human rights for the Kurdish peoples. Now, he languishes in a British prison under a justice system and security service which has aligned itself with Turkish state fascism.

Since the arrest of Kani Yilmaz, the campaign for his release and for a halt to the criminalisation of the Kurds in Britain and Europe has gathered momentum. On July 14, 10,000 prisoners of war from Kurdistan went on indefinite hungerstrikes in Turkish prisons in resistance to Turkey's escalation of the war in Kurdistan and have demanded a negotiated political solution to the Kurdish question. Solidarity hungerstrikes were started on July 20 in cities all over the world including Berlin, Frankfurt, Paris, Geneva, Stockholm, The Hague, Athens and Washington DC. In London, Kurdish people are presently on hungerstrike outside Westminster Cathedral in Victoria Street. On July 25 Kani himself commenced a hungerstrike in solidarity with the Kurdish people.

On the day of July 25 a picket and demonstration was held in London at Kani Yilmaz's committal hearing to bring the Kurdish question into the public eye and continue the campaign for Kani's release. 2,000 Kurds and their supporters, including the hungerstrikers, were present on the day. At noon, an overwhelmingly heavy riot police presence were on the scene as protesters participated in traditional Kurdish dances and listened to a variety of speeches. A few hours later an announcement was made that

Kani Yilmaz was to be deported. This was returned by strong silence and an atmosphere of disbelief, then the protest returned to Westminster Cathedral to bring the situation of the Kurds in Turkey into focus. At this point a sit-down protest took place, followed by a continuation of the march which would have continued if not for the riot police who formed a line against the confused demonstrators and Kurdish families, lashing out against them with truncheons. Following this sustained attack, enraged marchers fought back with sticks and bottles. Running battles continued until police effectively fenced-in the entire demonstration. Close to midnight, the protesters dispersed themselves into the underground subway. The press later claimed that twelve police were injured in the melee, while downplaying the casualties on the demonstrator's side which included a young woman and hungerstriker who had her leg broken in several places by police batons. Considering the nature of the demonstrators, who by and large restrained themselves against police forces which from the outset sought to menace any display of Kurdish protest, it seems quite hard to believe statements from the police who claim that the Kurds had planned the violence. One officer claimed his partner had been "stabbed in the chest", while another claims to have caught demonstrators in the possession of petrol bombs. None of these claims actually came to ground.

For the Kurds, Turkish state fascism has again shown its interests met by the hands of the British authorities. An extract from Abdullah Ocalan, PKK chairman, to the people of Britain reads: "Our British friends must raise their voice to stop the killings which are ten times worse than Saddam's atrocities across the border. There was only one Halabja in Iraqi Kurdistan but in Turkey, the whole southeast is becoming one enormous Halabja. This war is worse than Chechnya, yet it is being ignored. Can you possibly justify these double standards?"

**Yesterday Vietnam, Today Kurdistan! - Yesterday Hitler, Today Ciller! Release Kani Yilmaz - Victory to the Honourable Kurdish Struggle!**

London, England - July 28, 1995

*(Written by a comrade at Arm The Spirit)*

## PKK-CPP Sign Unity Agreement

Representatives of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) and the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) recently met in Brussels, the capital of Belgium. After a series of discussions, the National Liberation Front of Kurdistan (ERNK) and the National Democratic Front (NDF) signed a unity agreement.

The NDF members responsible for international affairs, Luis Jalandoni and Emilio Rojo, signed the protocol on behalf of the Central Committee of the CPP. Representatives of both parties and fronts agreed to support and give solidarity to one another in all areas of praxis.

The representatives stated in the protocol: "We, the Kurdistan Workers Party and the Communist Party of the Philippines, will intensify the ties between our comrades in the future. We will struggle against imperialism and reactionary forces, and we will strengthen our solidarity in the struggle for our national liberation and democracy. We will develop a democratic revolution with a socialist revolution as our goal. We have as our foundation the fundamentals of proletarian internationalism. We will turn these ideals into reality by means of our revolutionary praxis."

The revolutionary-democratic movement in the Philippines has been waging a guerrilla struggle against the government since 1968. By means of the 23,000 fighters organized in the New People's Army (NPA), the CPP and the NDF are struggling in 10,000 villages in 60 major regions and on 60 military fronts.

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Press Release From The Headquarters Of The ARGK

*The following is a statement from the headquarters of the People's Liberation Army of Kurdistan (ARGK) from August 26, 1995 concerning the recent clashes in South Kurdistan between armed units of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) and the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP).*

Right now, Kurdistan is at the most crucial phase of its history. This turning point in history will fundamentally alter the fate of our people. National and international conditions offer a perfect opportunity for our people to win their freedom. The power and dominance of the exploiter states over Kurdistan is breaking down. The political collaboration and cooperation of the exploiter states in Kurdistan is coming to an end. The liberation struggle under the leadership of the PKK in North-West Kurdistan is handing heavy defeats to the fascist Turkish state, which follows policies of massive human rights violations. At the same time, the PKK is uniting and strengthening Kurdish liberation movements in other regions. This struggle, which has already theoretically abolished artificial borders, has brought the North and South of our country together. The Turkish government never recognized these borders anyway. This has allowed it to export its dirty war of destruction to South Kurdistan, and it has even organized its village guard system there. The feudal KDP, which has become a lackey of the Turkish state, is being utilized to destroy the liberation struggle of our people. This traitorous, collaborationist gang, which carries out the orders of the Turkish Republic, seems be to continuing its traitorous activities despite all of our warnings. They are opposing the liberation struggle and using methods which are against the people. In order to prevent this foul and traitorous gang of collaborators from being successful, our people's liberation fighters launched a major operation on August 26 against these traitorous and collaborationist forces. The primary goal of this operation is to facilitate a democratic federation in South Kurdistan, and at the same time this operation has seen the formation of the 1st Storm Brigade of the ARGK. On the first day of the operation, 21 military targets and 4 other KDP positions were attacked. 18 of these military posts are now either in our control, burned, or destroyed. In the area around Zaho, a radar station used by the KDP for radio and TV transmissions was destroyed.

During these actions, 2 leading officers and 62 members of the collaborator gang were taken prisoner. One of those arrested, who was also a judge, was set free because of his old age. 10 vehicles belonging to the collaborators were completely destroyed. Also on the first day, the following equipment was confiscated from the captured positions: 2 anti-aircraft guns and 4 full boxes of ammunition, 1 fully automatic rifle (A4), 1 BKC with 600 rounds of ammunition, 64 infantry Kalschnikovs, and 4 rockets. In addition to this, our forces confiscated: 110 clips and 3,620 rounds of ammunition, 43 pistols, 3 Bruno guns, 1 mortar launcher with 35 shells and 40 other mortar shells, 2 B7 rocket launchers with 8 rockets, 19 hand grenades, 4 smoke grenades, 4 large walkie-talkie radios and 2 smaller ones, 1 telephone, 2 sets of binoculars, 3 bayonettes, 1 generator, 2 batteries, 6 radios, 1 cassette player, 2 TVs, and 1 VCR. Our operation against the collaborators will spread as the cause is taken up by the people. On the first day of this operation, 4 of our fighters were killed and 2 were

# Chile Canada Information Centre Press Release

As members of the Chile Canada Information Committee, we express our concern over the continuing systematic violation of Human Rights in Chile.

There have now been five years of transition to democracy in our country, and there are political prisoners who opposed the Pinochet dictatorship, who are still being held in prison, despite the protest and indignation of the democratic elements of Chilean society.

The Rettig Report on Human Rights is gathering dust on the library shelves. The cry for Truth and Justice has led from an old sorrow to a new and uncertain one, along a path imposed by those who took the government through a bloody coup d'état in 1973.

In the midst of this so-called democracy, the bodies of the dictatorship's victims are exhumed, and legal proceedings started against the violators of Human Rights. Some have been condemned; most went free through legal technicalities or through the application of the Amnesty Law, that exonerates the military from prosecution.

While those guilty of Human Rights violations walk freely in the streets, the new political prisoners, those arrested under the "democratic" regime, are being tortured and murdered by police forces, now endowed with a greater amount of technical and human resources, with which to carry out repression.

More than 1,500 Chileans are in hiding and/or sought by Military Courts.

The Civil Rights of ex-political prisoners who remained in Chile have, been denied in perpetuity.

Men and women political prisoners are raped, both in jails and at police precincts.

More than 70 left-wing political prisoners have been tortured, and 55 have been killed, during these years of "democratic transition".

More than 700,000 young people have been arrested on suspicion in low income neighbourhoods.

The new political prisoners are being denied political status. The government calls them "terrorists" and "delinquents". Some have been threatened with the death penalty.

There are 18 women political prisoners in the men's jail at San Miguel, living in sub-human conditions and without adequate medical attention, some of them with their young children.

Political prisoners have been moved to a new High Security Jail, where they can no longer have any physical contact with their families, since visits are conducted from behind glass windows. They have been held in reduced spaces, denied the right to work or to exercise, to have access to a rehabilitation program, or to continue their community activities with other political prisoners. These measures, as well as threats against prisoners, are arbitrarily and irregularly implemented, and their objective is to "break" the prisoners personality and psychological health.

In January of this year, the Chilean Senate and the Chamber of Congress approved the construction of a special jail for members of the military who could be condemned for Human Rights violations. This double standard attempts to legitimize the impunity of State terrorism.

New laws have been passed that legalize the violent searching of homes, arbitrary arrest and torture.

Chilean society lives caught in fear and threats. The pseudo-democratic government shares its power and authority with the intellectual and material authors of the genocide our people have suffered for the past 17 years.

We ask individuals, humanitarian organizations, and the press, both Canadian and Latin American, to do whatever is necessary to achieve the following:

1. That the civil rights of ex-political prisoners be reinstated.
2. That there be an end to the massive violation of human rights that occurs when people are arrested on suspicion. That the right to the freedom of movement along public roadways be preserved.
3. That the necessary measures be taken to resolve the cases of 1,500 Chileans who are still currently sought by the military courts.
4. That the Chilean state reconsider its inexplicable position of not signing the Inter-American Convention To Prevent, Punish And Eradicate Violence Against Women, which was approved at the seventh plenary session of the Organization of American States in June 1994.
5. That measures be taken to stop and eradicate sexual violence against both men and women political prisoners by police in places of detention.
6. Finally, we reject in all possible ways the term of "terrorist delinquents" which the government has tried to apply to political prisoners. We reiterate our demand that political prisoners be regarded as such, and that therefore they may benefit from all protective measures established on their behalf by the international treaties to which Chile is signatory.

Chile Canada Information Committee - August 1995

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